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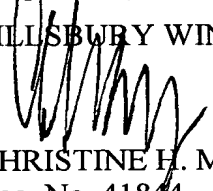
By this Amendment, a new title is submitted, claims 1-10 are amended to clarify the recited subject matter and new claims 11 and 12 (patentable for substantially the same reasons as claims 1-10) are added to more fully claim the disclosed invention. Claims 1-12 are pending.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Applicants submit that amended claims 1-10 are now in full conformance with 35 U.S.C. 112.

All rejections having been traversed, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance and requests that a Notice be issued to that effect. If anything remains necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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